Statement

Yearwise Statement showing information of Grant of Licences for manufacture of Insecticides in different States*

Year	No. of applications received	No of licences issued	No. of Units completed in stipulated period of 2 years
1988-89	19	15	15
1989-90	12	11	11
1990-91	12	8	8

*The statement is prepared on the basis of information received from seven States viz., Kerala, Goa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Meghalaya.

Use of Pesticides

3105. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that pesticides are used in about 25 per cent of our total cultivated land;

(b) whether it is also a fact that chlorinated pesticides intake is higher in our country as compared to other countries; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to switch over to plant pesticide, if so, when a final decision is likely to be taken in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) As per the information available, pesticides are used in about 16 per cent of total cultivated land in our country.

(b) Available reports reveal that the intake of few chlorinated pesticides is higher in our country as compared to some other Countries.

(c) The Government has already approved the use of pesticides of plant origin like neem based insecticides and these are being popularised for use as substitute for chemical pesticides.

ICAR Pay Scale for G.B. Pant Agriculture University

3106. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

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(a) whether it is a fact that arrears of pay from 1980 to 1988 to some of the Library Staff of the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Uttar Pradesh have not been paid even after a gap of several years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some employees even retired from service who were not paid arrears in spite of several representations;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay and time limit fixed for paying now; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid such delay in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir, the matter relating to payment of UGC scales and its arrears to Library Staff of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology was put up before the Board of Management of the University under its 117th meeting held on 15-4-88. The Board of Management considered the issue and resolved that the payment of the monthly salary in the revised scale be made with effect from

1-2-8S. However, in so far as the arrears with effect from 1-4-80 to 31-1-88, is concerned the same will be paid after receipt of approval of the State Government. The matter was referred to the State Government but the State Government has not •anctioned any fund for payment of arrears. As such, for want of funds from the State Government no arrears have been paid tq the Library Staff of the University.

(b) Yes, Reasons same as at (a).

(c) and (d) Same as at (a) above. Further, the State Government of U.P. has again been requested by the University for according sanction and availability of funds for payment of arrears and will be paid as soon as received from the State Government.

Cultivation of Maize

3107. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to bring more areas under maize cultivation;

(b) if so, the States where additional areas would be brought under maize cultivation;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given to the farmers to undertake maize cultivation; and

(d) the details of the fund earmarked therefor in Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a Central Sector Scheme on Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) for Maize & Millets is in operation in important maize growing States to increase the production and productivity of ' maize in the country and to encourage maize production during rabi season in the areas wherever it is feasible.

(c) and (d) Under the Central Sector Scheme, financial assistance is provided for critical Inputs viz. distribution of certified seeds, herbicides, plant protection chemical*, plant protection equipments, improved farm implements and conducting the field demonstration, training to farmers etc.

During 1992-93, a sum of Rs. 406.18 lakhs was allocated to the concerned States for maize crop under the scheme. Based on this, about Rs. 2030 lakhs are likely to be allocated to these States during the entire period of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Aid for Agricultural Development

3108. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the current level of aid was too low to achieve development in agriculture and for reducing poverty among farmers;

(b) what was the net percentage of aid to Indian GNP during 1990-91 and 199!-92; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to approach the International agencies to secure assistance and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The investment in agriculture is largely being financed from domestic resources. Given the investment required in agriculture, external assistance plays only a peripheral role and its impact on agricultural development as also reduction of incidence of poverty among farmers is limited. The net percentage of total external assistance to Indian gross national product during 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 1.74% and 2.37% respectively. Financial Aid Commitments are ind'eated annually by Multilateral and Bilateral Donor Agencies including World Bank in the Annual Meeting of the Aid India consertium. Such ex'ernal assistance is tied to projects and utilisation of aid depends upon the project specific implementation schedule.

3109 [Transferred to 22nd March 1993]

उत्तर प्रदेश में विकास परियोजनाएं

3110. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में पशुधन विकास से संबंधित कौन-कौन सी परियोजनाएं चल रही थीं;